

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

The Decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences to reverse the Examiner's rejection of claims 20, 43, 45, 56, 57 and 59 is appreciated. Additionally, non-appealed claims 16, 32, 33, 40, 42, 44, 46-49, 51, 53, 55, 58 and 60-65 were objected to in the appealed- from Official Action, but were indicated as containing allowable subject matter (see the last paragraph on page 3 of the Official Action mailed August 13, 2002 (Paper No. 5)). Applicants have amended claims 16, 20, 32, 40, 43, 45 and 46, placing them in independent form, and thus not only claims 20, 43, 45, 56, 57 and 59 are allowable as per the Decision of the Board, but objected to claims 16, 32, 33, 40, 42, 44, 46-49, 51, 53, 55, 58 and 60-65 are allowed pursuant to the Official Action of August 13, 2002. Accordingly, claims 16, 20, 32, 33, 40, 42-49, 51, 53, 55-65 are the only claims remaining in this application.

The Board's reversal of the Examiner's rejection of claims 20, 43, 45, 56, 57 and 59 is appreciated, and as requested by the Examiner, these claims have been amended where necessary to provide that they are independent or depend from independent claims. Entry of this amendment is appropriate and resolves all outstanding issues with regard to claims in this application.

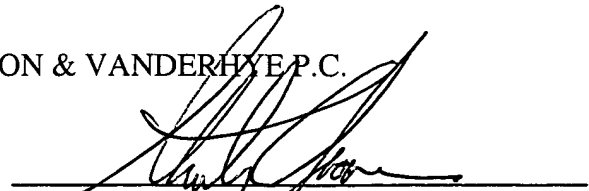
Having responded to all objections and rejections set forth in the outstanding Official Action, it is submitted that pending claims 16, 20, 32, 33, 40, 42-49, 51, 53 and 55-65 are in condition for allowance and notice to that effect is respectfully solicited. In the event the Examiner is of the opinion that a brief telephone or personal interview will facilitate allowance of one or more of the above claims, he is respectfully requested to contact Applicants' undersigned representative.

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